

REMARKS

Claims 10-13 are presently pending in the application. Claims 1-9, 14, and 15 have been cancelled in the present amendment.

In response to the Examiner's Answer dated 2 March 2007, Applicant has amended the claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 41.33(b), relating to amendments filed on or after the filing date of an Appeal Brief.

Specifically, claims 1-9, 14, and 15 have been cancelled pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 41.33(b)(1). Cancellation of claim 1 renders moot all pending rejections.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1 and 10-13 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and indication that claims 10-13 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

In accordance with the Examiner's suggestion, Applicant has amended claims 10 and 12 into independent format pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 41.33(b)(2), incorporating the limitations of base claim 1. Thus, claims 10 and 12 should now be in condition for allowance. Claims 11 and 13, which depend from claims 10 and 12, respectively, should also be in condition for allowance. The amendments presented herein add no new matter.

Applicant respectfully requests entry and consideration of the foregoing amendments, reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejections, and allowance of this case. To the extent that the Examiner believes that it would facilitate allowance of the case, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the number shown on page 1.

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